

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
January 10, 2018
7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, New York on Wednesday January 10, 2018.

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Present
	Commissioner Dunn	Present
	Commissioner Gilheany	Absent
	Commissioner Gotti	Present
	Commissioner McGuire	Present

Mayor Baker: Called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Emily Morelli and Victoria Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion to accept the December 13, 2017 Minutes:

Motion: Commissioner Dunn Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti
Roll Call: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

Commissioner Reports:

Mayor Baker stated that on February 5, 2018 there is an Opioid training/seminar on February 5, 2018 at the Mechanicville High School Auditorium and is sponsored by the Town of Halfmoon, City of Mechanicville, Town of Stillwater, and the Mechanicville High School. Mayor Baker stated he believes it will start at 6:00 P.M. but there will be information out on the seminar soon. Mayor Baker added that at the seminar there will be a take back medicine night so if anyone has prescription drugs they need disposed of they can be brought there and there will also be a NARCAN training that night. He informed the public to look for the advertisement in the paper and online. Mayor Baker stated they received official notice from the State that the City received \$1,000,000 funding for the flooding on Central Avenue and action will be taken at tonight's meeting to move forward.

Commissioner Dunn stated it had been a very busy seven (7) days in the Accounts Office. She stated her office sent out letters to all property owners that have outstanding water and sewer bills and the letters state that they have until January 31, 2018 to pay it and if you are an inside water user it will be levied to the property taxes in March and if you are an outside City water user it will be turned over to the City Attorney for collection if it is not paid by January 31, 2018. Commissioner Dunn read the City Clerk report for 2017 which is attached to the minutes.

Commissioner Gotti reported that the west tank at the Water Plant is up and fully running and the Water Plant is at full operation at this point.

Mayor Baker complimented Mr. Gotti and his Department for doing a great job with the recent snow storm.

Commissioner McGuire stated at this point she didn't have anything to report.

Attorney Val Serbalik requested an executive session for a litigation issue.

Chief Waldron stated that a pipe burst in the bathroom at the Police Station due to the cold weather and it flooded the dispatch room. He added the Insurance Adjusters have already been to the Police Station and will be looking at replacing the entire floor. Chief Waldron wished Officer Paul Zurlo good luck as he took a position with the Saratoga County Sheriff Department and stated he will be staying with the Mechanicville Police Department part-time. Chief Waldron read the 2017 report which is attached to the minutes. Chief Waldron stated that 2017 was a great year for getting some of the larger dealers off the street and he thanked his Department and the Investigation Unit for a job well done.

Public Comment:

Emily Morelli and Victoria Welch from Girl Scout Troop 1114 read a speech that is attached to the meeting minutes.

Mayor Baker stated they met with DEC and they are in the process of looking at what needs to be done to make it right so that the Girl Scout Troop is able to do what they want to do. Mayor Baker stated it is the best location for the Dog Park but the problem is if the property can't be used they may have to start all over again and he is hoping that does not happen.

Tara Morelli asked if the City would be willing to help get the ground to a level that the girls can then build on.

Mayor Baker stated yes and he is not sure but he believes that is what will happen. He also stated he believes it will need to be built up a little and that Commissioner Higgins and his Department hauled in all the dirt that was needed and Mayor Baker stated the City would do that again to increase the height if that is what is needed.

Tara Morelli also asked if it is possible in the future for the girls to attend one of the DEC meetings for the experience to see how a meeting of that nature goes.

Mayor Baker stated that if it is a public meeting they are welcome to attend.

David Hicks of 241 First Avenue asked if anything has been done about an energy audit since it has been four (4) years. Dave also asked if the proposal for the Round Lake Avenue former DiSiena building has been finalized.

Mayor Baker informed him there is a public hearing on January 16, 2018. Dave Hicks asked if the water situation from the Saratoga County Water Authority is going forward.

Mayor Baker stated since they can't dig now they will do it in the spring.

David Hicks asked why meter consolidation isn't ever looked at. He also stated he doesn't think \$1,000,000 is enough to straighten out the problem on Central Avenue. David asked about the Stewarts land for conversion, he asked who owns it and when it will be rectified.

Mayor Baker stated it is owned by the City and it will be rectified as soon as it can be. He stated there is paperwork into the County now and the City is hoping to be ready by March since that is when Stewarts would like to begin.

David Hicks asked why they are going to block off the sidewalk in front of O'Reilly Auto Parts so they have to enter on the side street.

Mayor Baker stated that is incorrect, they are not blocking the whole area off there are going to be driveways in the front it is just not going to be open the whole length like it is now.

Olga Prevo from 14 Tallmadge Place asked about the resolution for the loans for the Home Grant and what the eligibility is for it.

Mayor Baker informed her that she could call his office and speak with Gina and she can give her all the information she will need.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 01-18: Yearly Appointments

Moved by: Commissioner Dunn

Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 02-18: Annual Agreement Extension with Momentive Performance Materials

Moved by: Mayor Baker

Seconded by: Commissioner Dunn

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 03-18: Retain Independent Legal Counsel with the Firm of Jeffrey Honeywell

Moved by: Mayor Baker
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 04-18: CDBG Agreement

Moved by: Commissioner Gotti
Seconded by: Commissioner Dunn
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 05-18: Commissioner of Finance to authorization to issue checks from loan proceeds for Home Grant

Moved by: Mayor Baker
Seconded by: Commissioner McGuire
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 06-18: Budget Amendment

Moved by: Mayor Baker
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 07-18: Payroll and Vouchers

Moved by: Mayor Baker
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Mayor Baker closed the public meeting and announced that they will not take any action when they return from executive session.

Adjournment: 7:20

Moved by: Commissioner Dunn
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

Executive Session 7:20

Moved by: Commissioner Dunn
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Executive Session ended 7:50

Moved by: Mayor Baker
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Meeting Adjourned 7:51

Moved by: Mayor Baker
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

MECHANICVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH D. WALDRON
CHIEF

WILLIAM J RABBITT
DET/SGT

Alexander J. Dunn
Sgt



To: Mayor Dennis M. Baker
From: Joseph D. Waldron, Chief of Police
Re: Yearly Department 2017
Date: January 10, 2018

Accidents Investigated	238
Open Doors or Windows	36
Police calls Investigated	10,517
Total Call Volume for	11,233
Total Arrest	647
Total Traffic Tickets issued	1627
Total Parking Tickets issued	423
Total Revenue for V&T and Criminal	\$60,554.00
Total Revenue Parking Tickets	\$ 4,900.00
Total Revenue Accident Report	\$ 356.75
Total Revenue STOP DWI	\$ 5,623.72
Grants	\$ 7,800.00
Total Unified Court Revenue	<u>\$33,462.67</u>
TOTAL:	\$112,697.00

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Mechanicville Police Yearly Stats			
	2016	2017	% Change
Accidents Investigated	231	238	3%
Open Doors	55	36	-35%
Business Checks	2387	3298	38%
Felony Arrest	66	99	50%
Misdemeanors Arrest	443	452	2%
Violation Arrest	146	99	-32%
Total Arrest	655	647	-1%
Drug Arrest	43	65	51%
Total Parking Tickets	267	423	58%
Domestic Incidents	174	198	14%
Total Number of Calls	10829	11233	4%
Revenue Returned To City General Fund			
	2016	2017	
Total Revenue/ Fines/Grants	\$ 133,516.26	\$ 112,697.00	-16%
Traffic Enforcement			
	2016	2017	
Speeding	324	352	9%
Red Light	67	72	7%
Seatbelt	59	37	-37%
DWI	58	67	16%
Suspended Driver	138	136	-1%
Cell Phones	298	144	-52%
Other	1064	819	-23%
Total Tickets Issued	2008	1627	-19%

Joseph D. Waldron
Chief of Police

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December 2017 Chief's Report

Alarms YTD - 690 total (746 - 2016)

City Alarms - 38 Mutual Aid - 2
Fire Alarm activations - 2
Furnace malfunction - 1
EMS Assist - 32
Carbon monoxide detector activations - 1
Natural Gas Odor - 1
Arcing wires - 3

Month Total - 40 74 in 2016

Training

Drills: 3

Details: 7

Drills: (3) - Firefighter Behavioral Safety and Health, Alternative Fuel Vehicle & Continuing Medical Education.

Details: (7) Apparatus/ Equipment check, Station Clean up, Breakfast with Santa, Santa in the Park, Ballston Spa Holiday Parade, Christmas Light placement on Central Station and Community Center.

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2017 Chief's Report

Alarms YTD - 690 total (746 - 2016)

City Alarms - 652 Mutual Aid - 38
Working Structure Fires - 15
 Dryer Fire - 1
 Snowblower Fire - 1
 Brush Fires - 2
 Cooking Fires - 3
 Utility Pole Fire - 1
 Furnace Malfunctions - 2
 Odor of smoke inside - 1
 Fire Alarm activations - 33
 Motor Vehicle Accidents - 16
 EMS Assist - 535
 Elevator Rescue - 1
Carbon monoxide detector activations - 10
Carbon monoxide incidents - 2
 Natural Gas Odors - 7
 Natural Gas Leaks - 2
 Propane Leak - 1
 Wires down - 7
 Arcing wires - 3
Outside Smoke Investigations - 4
 Good intent calls - 7
 Service calls - 5
 Boat in Distress - 1
 Pump Outs - 3
 Roadway Flooding - 7
 Traffic Control - 2
 Flammable liquid spills - 3
 Cover assignments - 14
Winter Storm Stand by in Station - 1

gina.kenyon

From: Tara Morelli <mechanicvilledogpark@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 7:42 PM
To: gina.kenyon
Subject: Girl Scout City Council speech January 2018

Hi I'm Emily Morelli and this is Victoria Welch from Girl Scout troop 1114, Allie is unable to join us tonight. As you may know, for our silver award we are working to build dog park here in Mechanicville. We wanted to provide a little background for the new city council members, and provide an update to the council.

Our project started 2 and a half years ago with researching what it takes to open and maintain a dog park, its benefits to the city, and liability laws. We created a petition and had it signed by Mechanicville residents, visited 3 local dog parks to get ideas, and reached out to local businesses about sponsorships.

The city council was generous enough to not only approve our project, but after lengthy consideration, provide the location for the park on industrial drive.

Barton and Loguidice, an engineering firm familiar with city development projects worked with us to create a land plan and estimated needs list. We have also held multiple fundraising events to support our project. As you can see, though there are only three of us working on this project, we have been busy, and have come a long way toward our goal, to begin construction on the park in April and have it done by September 2018.

Which brings me to our current status. As the city council is aware, the site we are planning to develop is either part of or adjacent to a brownfield. A brownfield simply means that the land was previously used for industrial use and may contain environmental pollutants. In this case it is likely referring to the runoff of oils related to the former rail yard.

Based on this classification, there are several additional state and federal regulations controlling how we can proceed with development. We were working with City Official Mr. Seber and now Council member Dunn to determine which regulations apply. Mr. Seber was able to provide us with copies of the city's testing report and the State brownfield remediation plan for sites near the proposed park. We learned today that the area is zoned for industrial use and will need to be re-zoned for us to continue.

Of the largest concern for our project is whether we will be able to dig on the site for fenceposts, and trees. We are also concerned for the health of the dogs and residents visiting the park regularly. We want to ensure that the specific suspected contaminants are properly remediated through our development process and will not pose any threats to visitors.

Tonight, we would like to know if the council has considered this process of rezoning and if we can expect a relatively quick response. We appreciate the city's assistance in answering these questions and working with us to develop a plan that will benefit everyone.

Thank you.

